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For: **INBOARD THRUST SURFACE FLUID
RECIRCULATION PUMP**

Examiner: Jefferson A. Evans

Art Group: 2652

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Applicants herewith respond to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2005. Claims 1-23 are pending in the application. The Office Action of September 28, 2005 rejects all pending claims 1-23.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified claims in view of the Examiner Interview conducted on December 9, 2005, and the following Amendments and Remarks.

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